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August 12, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:
FLORENCE AVENUE STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 1
FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO THE METRO BLUE LINE (GRAHAM AVENUE)
AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS AND
AUTHORIZE, ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 86917
PROJECT I.D. NO. RDC0014147
UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE
(FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The project is one in a series of street beautification and greening projects in the First and Second Districts to provide enhanced services in unincorporated communities of the County. The proposed improvements will improve the aesthetics and safety of the Florence Avenue corridor from Central Avenue to the Metro Blue Line in the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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2. Approve Capital Project No. 86917 scope of work and total project budget of \$7,176,000 for the Florence Avenue Streetscape Improvements – Phase 1, in the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone as described herein; and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to deliver the project.
3. Adopt the plans and specifications for the Florence Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project – Phase 1, from Central Avenue to the Metro Blue Line at an estimated construction contract cost ranging from \$4,414,000 to \$4,830,000.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of your Board to advertise the project, call for construction contract bids to be received by September 9, 2008, seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.
5. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a contract with the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder and approve the Faithful Performance for Labor and Material Bonds submitted by the contractor.
6. Approve the attached appropriation adjustment to increase the project budget by \$3,959,000 funded by \$367,000 in net County cost from the Florence Avenue Sidewalk Improvements Project, Capital Project No. 86918 and \$135,000 from the Alondra Boulevard Median Landscaping Project, Capital Project No. 86912, and by \$3,457,000 funded by a Community Development Block Grant through an agreement between the Department of Public Works and the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will approve the project and allow the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to proceed with the award of a construction contract for the Florence Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project (Project).

The project consists of replacing damaged street curbs, gutters, and sidewalks; adding over 800 plants and 83 trees; upgrading crosswalks; and installing bus shelters, pedestrian lights, and other streetscape elements to improve the aesthetics and safety of the corridor from Central Avenue to the Metro Blue Line in the unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone.

Public Works and the Chief Executive Office recommend authorization to Adopt and Advertise for bids, and award a construction contract to expedite the delivery of the project.

Construction of the streetscape improvements will be completed by a qualified construction contractor. The construction contract will be awarded to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder through a competitive bid process as described herein (see Contracting Process).

Green Building/Sustainable Design

This project will support the intent of your Board's Green Building/Sustainable Design policy by using moderate to drought tolerant plant materials; irrigation systems consisting of bubblers and smart controllers; and semipermeable concrete unit pavers in selected areas. The plant selection and irrigation system will minimize water usage and the concrete unit pavers will provide additional water conservation by providing a semipermeable surface. The refurbishment of the existing monument identity signs will be considered as reuse of existing material/resources and reduction of site disturbances.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended action will improve the quality of life for the residents of Florence-Firestone by enhancing the aesthetics and safety of the Florence Avenue corridor from Central Avenue to the Metro Blue Line.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost estimate of \$7,176,000 includes \$921,000 for plans and specifications, \$218,000 for jurisdictional review/plan check, and \$6,037,000 for construction, which consists of \$5,313,000 million for a construction contract and contingency, and \$724,000 for project management and administration. The Project Budget Summary is included in Attachment A.

The attached appropriation adjustment for \$3,959,000 will transfer \$367,000 in Second District net County cost from the Florence-Firestone Sidewalks Improvement Project, C.P. No. 86918 and \$135,000 from the Alondra Boulevard Street Median Landscaping Project, C.P. No. 86912, and contribute an additional \$3,457,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Project Funding chart is included as Attachment B. This transfer will provide sufficient appropriation to fund the construction. The sources of the budget adjustments include sufficient appropriation to fund the transfers.

Upon approval of the \$3,959,000 budget adjustment, the total project funding will consist of \$4,561,000 in CDBG funds, \$1,602,000 in net County cost allocated for Enhanced Unincorporated Area Services, and \$1,013,000 in First District Road funds. Detail of the funding by project phase and source is reflected in the Project Funding Chart included as Attachment B.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on current Salary and Employee Benefits/Maintenance Contractor rates, the estimated annual cost to maintain the improvements are \$30,000 for landscaping, funded by Road funds, and \$175,000 for maintenance of the trash receptacles and pedestrian lighting to be funded by Special Road District funds. These costs are anticipated to be incurred beginning in Fiscal Year 2009-10. To finance these required maintenance costs, sufficient appropriation will be requested for the Fiscal Year 2009-10 First and Second Districts' Road Construction Program and Special Road District Budgets.

In addition, the project also includes installing bus stop shelters within the project area limits. Based on current service rates, maintenance of the new bus stop shelters and trash collection services are estimated at an additional annual cost of \$6,000. These maintenance costs are anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10. Financing for these services will be available in the Second Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program to be included in Fiscal Year 2009-10 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Your Board's approval of the Capital Project is required to authorize the expenditure of the Capital Project funds for this project.

The Community Development Commission (CDC) has contributed \$4,561,000 in CDBG funds to the Project, which includes \$921,000 previously expended on the design by the CDC and \$3,640,000 for construction costs. The funds for construction are available to the County through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the CDC and Public Works.

Pursuant to your Board's adopted Civic Art Policy, the subject project is exempt from contributing a Civic Art Fee, because the Project's scope of work consists of repairs and improvements to streets and traffic control infrastructure.

This project is to be completed in 180 working days with an additional 90 calendar days for plant establishment. It is estimated the construction will start in November 2008 and be substantially completed in September 2009.

Delegating to the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the construction of these improvements as soon as possible.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works. A standard contract, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal Income Tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(c), 15303(e), and 15304(b) of the CEQA guidelines and Class 1(x) subsections 4, 14, and 16, Class 3(b), and Class 4(c) of the County Environmental Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for reconstruction of existing curb, gutter, sidewalk and driveways; furnishing street landscaping improvements; planting of street trees; removal of trees that have damaged the sidewalk; and modification of the existing traffic signal system.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive basis. The contract will be awarded to the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code. To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to (1) comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program; (2) report solicitation of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County

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employees; (3) comply with the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program and (4) comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will improve the quality of life for residents of unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone by enhancing the aesthetics and safety of the Florence Avenue corridor from Central Avenue to the Metro Blue Line.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted, stamped copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division; one to Public Works, Programs Development Division and Construction Division; and return the sealed plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.

Respectfully submitted,



WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

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County Counsel
Community Development Commission
Department of Public Works

ATTACHMENT A

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I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Project Needs Assessment	N/A
Project Feasibility	N/A
Project Program Validation	N/A
Design	6/5/08*
Construction Contract Award	9/9/08
Construction Field Acceptance Final Acceptance	9/17/09 11/17/09

*Actual completion date.

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Project Activity	Proposed Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0
Construction	
Low Bid Construction Contract	\$4,830,000
Job Order Contract	0
Change Orders	483,000
Departmental Crafts	0
Youth Employment	0
Construction Consultants	0
Misc. Expense	0
Telecomm Equip – Affixed to Building	0
Civic Arts	0
Subtotal	\$5,313,000
Programming/Development	\$ 0
Plans and Specifications*	\$ 921,000
Consultant Services	
Site Planning	\$ 0
Hazardous Materials	0
Geotech/Soils Report and Soils Testing	0
Material Testing	0
Cost Estimating	0
Topographic Surveys	0
Construction Management	0
Construction Administration	0
Environmental	0
Move Management	0
Equipment Planning	0
Legal	0
Construction/Change Order	0
Other:	0
Subtotal	\$ 0
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 0
Jurisdictional Review/Plan Check/Permit	\$ 218,000
County Services	
Code Compliance Inspection	\$ 0
Quality Control Inspection	0
Design Review	0
Design Services	0
Contract Administration	510,000
Project Management	34,000
Project Management Support Services	20,000
ISD Job Order Contract Management	0
DPW Job Order Contract Management	0
ISD ITS Communications	0
Project Security	0
Project Technical Support	0
Office of Affirmative Action	0
County Counsel	0
Other:	\$160,000
Sheriff Job Order Contract Management	0
Subtotal	\$ 724,000
TOTAL	\$ 7,176,000

ATTACHMENT B

PROJECT FUNDING CHART

Budget Category	Total Project Funding	Construction Funding					Design & Engineering Funding ¹			
		SD-1 Road Fund	SD-2 C.P. No. 86917			Total	SD-1	SD-2	CDC	Total
			NCC ²	CDBG	SD2 C.P. Subtotal		Road Fund	CDBG	CDBG	
Land Acquisition	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction										
(a) Construction	\$ 4,830,000	\$ 782,000	\$1,456,000	\$2,592,000	\$4,048,000	\$ 4,830,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
(b) Change Orders	483,000	78,000	146,000	259,000	405,000	483,000				
Subtotal:	\$ 5,313,000	\$ 860,000	\$1,602,000	\$2,851,000	\$4,453,000	\$ 5,313,000				
Equipment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Plans and Specifications*	\$921,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$921,000	\$921,000
Consultant Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Miscellaneous Expenditures	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check*	\$218,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$35,000	\$183,000	N/A	\$218,000
County Services	\$724,000	\$118,000	N/A	\$606,000	\$606,000	\$724,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	\$7,176,000	\$978,000	\$1,602,000	\$3,457,000	\$5,059,000	\$,6037,000	\$35,000	\$183,000	\$921,000	\$1,139,000

¹ Indicates completed phase and expended funds

² Includes \$367K and \$135K to be transferred/added to \$1.1 M in the existing project budget

ATTACHMENT C

APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

DEPT'S.
No. 060
AUGUST 5,
2008 2008

AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

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SOURCES

USES

~~General Fund A01~~
See Attached.

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See Attached.

JUSTIFICATION

- ✓ Adjustment is necessary to increase the revenue and appropriation in order to fully fund the Florence Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project - Phase I, C.P. No. 86917.


David Jan Takata, Senior Manager, CEO

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR -

ACTION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED X

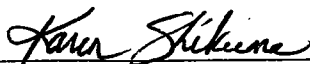
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RECOMMENDATION

30 July 2008


CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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July 23 2008

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